



BOWLS WA EVENTS

Rules and Conditions of Play 2011/12

The 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls' (Crystal Mark 2nd Edition, January 2011) shall apply to the conduct of all Bowls WA State Events

1. Eligibility

Only capitated members of Western Australian clubs are eligible to take part in Bowls WA Competitions and Events.

2. Eligibility - Champion of Champions

To be eligible to enter the Bowls WA Champion of Club Champions events, the entrant **must be the Club Champion for the current season** of the Home Club for which Full or Junior capitation has been paid to Bowls WA.

A replacement/substitute player in Champion of Champions Events will not be allowed.

3. Entry Fees

Entry fees must be forwarded to reach Bowls WA by the closing date. If the entry fees are not received by the closing date, entry/entries may not be included in the event draw.

4. Closing Date

Entries may not be accepted after the closing date of the event.

5. Starting Time

Players should be in attendance at the venue **30 minutes** before the starting time unless otherwise advised by the appropriate Bowls WA Match Committee Chair or delegated Match Committee member.

Players/Teams not at the venue will be allowed no more than 30 minutes beyond the scheduled starting time to arrive. In the case of extenuating circumstances (e.g. Major freeway hold-up), the game can, at the determination of the appropriate Bowls WA Match Committee, be re-scheduled.

It is the responsibility of the player/team arriving late to immediately notify the host club and the controlling body so appropriate action may be taken

Entrants arriving later than the 30 minute period allowed for the first round of play, will be classed as a forfeit.

6. Alterations to the Draw and Conditions of Play

All games shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls and be under the control of the Bowls WA Match Committees who shall have the power to alter or vary, if necessary, the draw and other conditions.



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7. Replacement/Substitute Players

Replacement players and substitutes may be used in Bowls WA Events and Competitions. Please refer to the General Field of Play Rule 3 for further details and conditions.

8. Forfeits

The recipient of a forfeit shall be awarded a win.

Please refer to General Field of Play Rule 4 for further details.

Failure to notify Bowls WA prior to the start of an event of an intended forfeit may result in a fine of \$30 per player.

Failure to notify the venue on the day of play of an intended forfeit may result in a fine of \$30 per player.

9. Byes

In the event of a bye, the team or singles player shall receive no points.

10. Trial Ends

Two trial ends, with as many bowls as are to be used in the competition, are permitted **before the scheduled starting time** on the rink drawn, before the commencement of the first game to be played on any day of the tournament.

Such trial ends must be completed prior to the scheduled starting time.

11. Dress Code

All players in Bowls WA Events must comply with the Bowls Australia National Dress and Bowls WA Attire Policy. These policies may be found at www.bowlsaustralia.com.au and www.bowlswa.com.au respectively.

12. Bowls

All bowls used by a player during a game must be from a matching set with identical markings, in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

13. Bowls Stickers

Stickers are permitted as long as all players in a team use identical stickers.

Players in the Final rounds may be supplied with stickers by Bowls WA.



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14. Club Co-ordinator and Umpire of the Day

Each club shall appoint a Club Co-ordinator and an Umpire for the Day whenever Bowls WA events are being conducted on its greens, unless otherwise advised by Bowls WA.

While several umpires may officiate on any one day, only one Umpire shall be designated as the Umpire of the Day. The Umpire of the Day shall be solely responsible to make the final decision in regard to the interpretation of Laws or Rules and continuation, deferment or abandonment of play.

The Club Co-ordinator appointed must be fully briefed regarding their duties including the correct method of notifying the results of each round.

On receipt of the information for the event, the Club Co-ordinator appointed by the participating Club needs to check that the following has been delivered:

- a) The venue letter confirming event playing dates and club obligations.
- b) The Conditions of Play for the event which are to be read to the players prior to the start of the event and displayed throughout the playing of the event.
- c) A Result Sheet for recording the scores of each team or player showing the Section or Knockout number for each team or player and the details of when and where the Section or Knockout winners will be required to play subsequent rounds.

Duties on the day of play:

- a) Ensure that all players or teams commence their roll up so that the event starts at the allocated time.
- b) If any players or teams have not arrived by the time allowed in clause 5, immediately notify the Bowls WA official on the phone number on the Result Sheet of their failure to attend and any reason that the players may have submitted for their absence.
- c) At the conclusion of each round phone and/or fax the results to the Bowls WA official.
- d) At the conclusion of play, after phoning the final result to the Bowls WA official and confirming the Section winners, announce to all players present the names of the Section winners and details of when and where they will be required to play subsequent rounds.

15. Changing Greens

When using multiple greens and an entrant is required to change greens on the day of play, two trial ends, with as many bowls as are to be used in the competition, are permitted for only those players who have not previously played on that green.

If both opponents are required to change greens, they will be allowed two trial ends, with as many bowls as are to be used in the competition, **on the rink of play.**



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18. Section Winners

The winner of a section will be determined by the number of games won (2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, no points for a loss) if these are equal, then the winner will be determined by the number of shots up, if these are equal, then the winner will be determined by the number of shots for divided by shots against. (Percentage %). If these are still equal then refer to Bowls WA Field of Play Rules: General Conditions: 10 - Determination of a Winner for Sectional Play.

20. Singles Play – Markers

In a singles competition players are required to mark as drawn or provided in the Conditions of Play for that competition.

Defeated players may be required to mark in the following round of the same competition.

Approval may be given for a person with a disability to nominate another person to undertake the duties of the marker on their behalf.

The duties of a Marker are listed in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

Any player drawn or requested by the Controlling Body to Mark and they refuse, the player's Home Club will receive a fine of \$30.

21. Heat Guidelines

Players and Club Officials need to be aware of the temperature restrictions of the particular event being held.

In the best interest of the competition continuing, whilst bearing in mind the risk associated with heat stress, the following principles shall apply:

- It is understood that the temperature will not be 37° or 40° at the start of play, therefore play will commence with the first game of the days play.
- Play shall cease when the temperature exceeds the appropriate temperature as shown by the venues thermometer.
- Play shall re-commence at the discretion of the Umpire of the Day.
- Any player can appeal to the Umpire of the Day at any time. Refer to the Bowls WA Extreme Weather Policy.

23. Smoking and Consumption of Alcohol

Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the greens during any Bowls WA competition or event. For further details please refer to Bowls WA Field of Play Rules: General Condition 14.

24. Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

All mobile phones must be turned to silent (or vibrate) during play.

Permission to use a mobile phone must be given by the Umpire of the Day.

Electronic Devices are not permitted on the green during play e.g. iPod's or radios.



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25. Greens Safety

Players directly participating in a game are not permitted to sit on the banks with any portion of their body in the ditch or on the green whilst play is in progress.

26. Photographs

All photographs that are taken at Bowls WA Events and Competitions by the Official Bowls WA Photographer remain the property of Bowls WA.